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November 23, 1998

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide ELCS  
Between Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker Exchange and GTE South's Grundy  
Exchange; CC Docket No. 96-159**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Bell Atlantic - Virginia hereby submits this request for a LATA boundary modification to provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) between its Honaker exchange and GTE South's Grundy exchange.

In its order released July 15, 1997<sup>1</sup> ("Order"), the Commission established an ongoing process for requesting LATA boundary modifications to provide ELCS. This request is filed pursuant to the provisions contained in that order. Attached, please find the support documentation required by the Commission to approve the requested modification.

Should you have any questions regarding this material, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-336-7875.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracy K. Chaney".

Attachment

cc: A. Gomez  
A. Thomas

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<sup>1</sup> "In the Matter of Petitions for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) at Various Locations", CC Docket No. 96-159, released July 15, 1997.

# **Honaker to Grundy**

## **ELCS**

**Request for Limited Modification of LATA Boundaries to Provide ELCS Between  
Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker Exchange and GTE South's Grundy Exchange**

- (1) Type of Service  
Traditional Local Service, Non Optional ELCS
  - (2) Direction of Service  
Two-way
  - (3) Exchanges Involved  
ELCS between Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker exchange located in the Roanoke, Virginia LATA and the Grundy exchange located in the Bluefield, West Virginia Independent Market Area ("IMA").
  - (4) Name of Carriers  
Honaker - Bell Atlantic - Virginia  
Grundy - GTE South
  - (5) State Commission Approval  
The Virginia State Corporation Commission issued a Final Order on October 27, 1998 approving ELCS for this route. A copy of the Final Order is attached.
  - (6) Number of Network Access Lines  
Honaker Exchange - 3,364  
Grundy Exchange - 3,676
  - (7) Usage Data  
Messages per main station per month  
Honaker to Grundy - 0.39  
Grundy to Honaker - 0.27  
  
Percent of subscribers making calls  
Honaker to Grundy - Data not available  
Grundy to Honaker - Data not available
  - (8) Poll Results  
Honaker to Grundy  
Seventy three percent of those responding voted for ELCS.  
Grundy to Honaker  
Public notice was provided to the Grundy exchange customers via newspaper display advertisement. No comments or requests for a hearing were received.
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(8) Poll Results (Continued)

ELCS Rate Increase - Honaker (Continued)

Residential

Flat Rate	\$ 0.11
Message Rate	\$ 0.08
Measured Rate	\$ 0.13
Economy Rate	\$ 0.05

Business

Flat Rate Line	\$ 0.40
Message Rate Line	\$ 0.11
Measured Rate Line	(\$ 0.13)
Flat PBX Trunk	\$ 0.61
Message PBX Trunk	\$ 0.11
Measured PBX Trunk	(\$ 0.13)

ELCS Rate Increase - Grundy

Residential

Flat Rate	\$ 0.07
Lifeline Service	\$ 0.07
Exchange Only Svc.	\$ 0.05
Economy Measured	\$ 0.04

Business

Flat Rate	\$ 0.16
Flat Key Line Service	\$ 0.16
Flat Rate Trunk	\$ 0.36
Measured Single Line	\$ 0.11
Measured Key Line	\$ 0.11
Measured Trunk	\$ 0.11

(9) Community of Interest Statement

Honaker is a small rural exchange with approximately 3300 access lines located in eastern Russell County in southwest Virginia. The Grundy exchange is located north of Honaker in Buchanan County. GTE South's Oakwood exchange lies between and is adjacent to both the Honaker and Grundy exchanges. Industries such as coal mining, logging and gas wells located in the Grundy exchange employ workers from surrounding areas such as Honaker. Buchanan General Hospital and associated medical facilities serve the regional area including Honaker. The Grundy exchange also includes higher educational facilities for the area including the Appalachian School of Law and a satellite campus of Southwest Virginia Community College.

(9) Community of Interest Statement (Continued)

Community of interest is also indicated by the Honaker customer response to the ELCS survey and the lack of negative response to the public notice in Grundy. Seventy three percent of the Honaker respondents voted for ELCS.

(10) Maps

Maps are attached for the Honaker, Oakwood and Grundy exchanges.

(11) Other Pertinent Information

Chronology

On June 12, 1996, Bell Atlantic - Virginia's Honaker exchange subscribers petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission for Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) to GTE South's Grundy exchange. The Commission directed Bell Atlantic - Virginia to determine the change in monthly rates to provide ELCS from Honaker to Grundy. Bell Atlantic - Virginia surveyed all of its Honaker subscribers regarding their willingness to pay the additional rates. Seventy three percent of the subscribers responding voted favorably.

The Commission then directed GTE South to determine rates for ELCS calling from Grundy to Honaker. GTE South provided public notice via newspaper display advertising to its Grundy customers. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

Both the survey and the public notice met the requirements as outlined in Section 56-484.2 of the Virginia State Code. The results of the survey met State Code requirements for implementation.

On October 27, 1998, the Virginia State Corporation Commission issued a Final Order approving Extended Local Calling Service between Honaker and Grundy.

Virginia State Code, Section 56-484.2

This section of the Virginia State Code allows customers to petition the State Corporation Commission for ELCS. A copy of this section is attached.

Attachments

Virginia State Corporation Commission Public Notice Report of Alan R. Wickham  
in Case No. PUC980101

Virginia State Corporation Commission Final Order in Case No. PUC980101

Map of the Honaker exchange

Map of the Oakwood exchange

Map of the Grundy exchange

Virginia LATA map

Virginia State Code, Section 56-484.2

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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**  
**STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**  
**DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE REPORT OF**  
**ALAN R. WICKHAM**

**PUC980101**

**APPLICATION OF GTE SOUTH, INC. TO**  
**IMPLEMENT EXTENDED LOCAL SERVICE FROM ITS**  
**GRUNDY EXCHANGE TO THE HONAKER**  
**EXCHANGE OF BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.**

October 15, 1998

**APPLICATION OF GTE SOUTH, INC. TO  
IMPLEMENT EXTENDED LOCAL SERVICE FROM ITS  
GRUNDY EXCHANGE TO THE HONAKER  
EXCHANGE OF BELL ATLANTIC - VIRGINIA, INC.**

**CASE NO. PUC980101**

**BACKGROUND**

Bell Atlantic - Virginia, Inc. (BA-VA) surveyed its Honaker exchange customers for Extended Local Service (ELS) into GTE South, Inc.'s (GTE) Grundy exchange. The survey was in response to a customer petition, and was conducted pursuant to Virginia Code Section 56-484.2. ELS is flat two-way calling between two or more exchanges on a seven digit dialing basis. The result of the poll was as follows:

Total ballots mailed	3,070
Customers responding	1,218 (39.7%)
Number of responses:	
Yes	894 (73.4%)
No	324 (26.6%)

The proposal for ELS from the Honaker exchange into the Grundy exchange passed the polling requirements of § 56-484.2.

On July 1, 1998, GTE filed an application pursuant to provisions of § 56-484.2 proposing to notify its Grundy exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary for extending their local service to include the Honaker exchange.

The Commission entered an Order Prescribing Notice of the application on July 17, 1998. The Company was ordered to publish notice in newspapers of general circulation in the Grundy exchange. A poll was not required because the proposed rate increase for one-party residential customers does not exceed five percent of the existing one-party monthly rate pursuant to Code Section 56-484.2. Affected telephone customers were given until September 30, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal.



On September 1, 1998, GTE filed proof of notice of the proposal. The Commission's Order of July 17, 1998, had required that proof of notice be filed on or before August 31, 1998. Notice was published twice as display advertising in the Grundy Virginia Mountaineer. No comments or requests for a hearing were received.

### **PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

Under this proposal monthly rates in the Grundy exchange would increase as follows: flat rate residential service \$0.07; residential Lifeline service, \$0.07; residential measured exchange only service, \$0.05; residential measured economy service, \$0.04; flat rate business service, \$0.16; business key line service, \$0.16; business flat rate trunk service, \$0.36; and business measured service: single line service, \$0.11; key line service, \$0.11; trunk service, \$0.11; and customer owned coin service, \$0.07.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of GTE's application to implement ELS from its Grundy exchange into BA-VA's Honaker exchange is recommended.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

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AT RICHMOND, October 27, 1998

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APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980101

To implement extended local  
service from its Grundy  
exchange to Bell Atlantic-  
Virginia, Inc.'s Honaker  
exchange

FINAL ORDER

On July 1, 1998, GTE South, Inc. ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposed to notify its Grundy exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Honaker exchange of Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA"). Customers in the Honaker exchange had previously petitioned the Commission for local calling to Grundy. In a poll conducted in response to the petition, the majority of Honaker customers responding to the poll supported paying higher rates for local calling to Grundy. A poll of Grundy subscribers in response to this application was not required under § 56-484.2(A) of the Code of Virginia because the proposed rate increase for one-party residential customers did not exceed five percent (5%) of the existing monthly one-party residential rate.

By Order dated July 17, 1998, the Commission directed GTE to publish notice of the proposed increase. Affected telephone customers were given until September 30, 1998, to file comments or request a hearing on the proposal. No comments or requests for hearing were received.

On September 1, 1998, GTE filed proof of notice as required by the Commission's July 17, 1998 Order.

On October 15, 1998, the Commission Staff submitted its report regarding the Company's application. The Staff recommended that GTE's application to implement extended local service from its Grundy exchange into BA-VA's Honaker exchange be approved. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) The proposed extension of local service from GTE's Grundy exchange to BA-VA's Honaker exchange shall be implemented.

(2) GTE shall file the tariff revisions necessary for the proposed extension of local service.

(3) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this docket is closed and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the file for ended causes.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Richard D. Gary, Esquire, Hunton & Williams, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond,

Virginia 23219-4074; Stephen C. Spencer, Assistant Vice President, GTE Service Corporation, Three James Center, Suite 1200, 1051 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219; Warner F. Brundage, Jr., Esquire, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., 600 East Main Street, 24th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; John F. Dudley, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel, Office of the Attorney General, 900 East Main Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219; and the Commission's Division of Communications.

A True Copy  
Taken:

*William J. Bridge*  
Clerk of the  
State Corporation Commission

## ARTICLE 4.

## Extension and Reduction of Telephone Service

**§ 56-484.2. Extension or reduction upon poll of certain subscribers.**

– A. Upon petition of five percent but in no case less than twenty-five of the subscribers in an established telephone exchange for an extension or reduction of their local service area to include or exclude a contiguous local exchange or exchanges, or upon resolution of the governing body of a county for a countywide local service area, the Commission shall estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service which will result from such extension or reduction. In the case of a governing body resolution for countywide calling, the Commission, prior to estimating the approximate rate change, shall determine which exchanges within the county have a community of interest calling percentage that is fifty percent or greater in at least one direction to at least one other exchange within the county. The Commission shall then undertake to estimate the approximate change in the monthly rate for service that will result from such expanded local calling area for each such exchange. The Commission shall order the affected company or companies to poll those subscribers whose monthly rate for service would change if the proposed changes were adopted. However, polls shall not be required in the exchange or exchanges to which the petitioners desire an extension of local service if (i) any resulting rate increases in any twelve-month period do not, in the aggregate, exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate service for the affected exchange to which the petitioners desire an extension of local service or (ii) any resulting rate increases in any twelve-month period, in the aggregate, exceed five percent solely due to rate regrouping. No more than one petition for a poll from the same group of subscribers or resolution from the governing body of a county shall be considered by the Commission during any three-year period. For purposes of determining the exchanges that will be polled pursuant to this subsection, *"community of interest calling percentage"* means the percentage of customers in an exchange that make one or more calls per month to another exchange within the county.

B. If a poll is required pursuant to subsection A and a majority of the subscribers are in favor of the proposed change, or if the Commission determines that a majority of subscribers voting are in favor of the proposed change, the Commission shall order the extension or reduction of their local service area. For the purposes of this section, the number of subscribers in an established telephone exchange shall be deemed to be the number of subscribers in an exchange as of January 1 of the calendar year when the petition is submitted to the Commission. Ballots polling subscribers on a proposed change in local service area shall be counted sixty days after being mailed and the results certified to the Commission.

C. If a poll is not required pursuant to subsection A, the Commission shall require notice to customers in exchanges in which polls are not required and shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension or reduction of the local calling area if the lesser of five percent or 150 of the customers within such exchanges request a hearing. The Commission may convene a hearing under this subsection on its own motion without regard to the number of customers who request a hearing.

D. Where the governing body of a county passes a resolution for a countywide local service area under subsection A and the poll for such service is defeated, the governing body shall reimburse the affected company or companies for the costs of the poll.

E. The Commission shall give the highest priority to petitions or resolutions presented under subsection A that involve exchanges in rural areas. (1976, c. 265; 1978, c. 232; 1985, c. 382; 1990, c. 339; 1993, c. 974; 1994, cc. 180, 347; 1995, c. 466.)

**The 1994 amendments.** – The 1994 amendment by c. 180, deleted the former next-to-last sentence in subsection A, which provided: "If subscriber polls are not required, the Commission shall proceed pursuant to the provisions of § 56-237.2"; and added subsection C.

1994 amendment by c. 347, in the first sentence of subsection B, deleted "that more than fifty percent of the subscribers have voted in the pool and" following "determines," and substituted "subscribers" for "those."

**The 1995 amendment,** in subsection A, inserted "or upon resolution of the governing body of a county for a countywide local service area" in the first sentence; added the present second and third sentences; inserted "or resolution from the governing body of a county" in the present sixth sentence, and added the seventh sentence; and added subsections D and E.